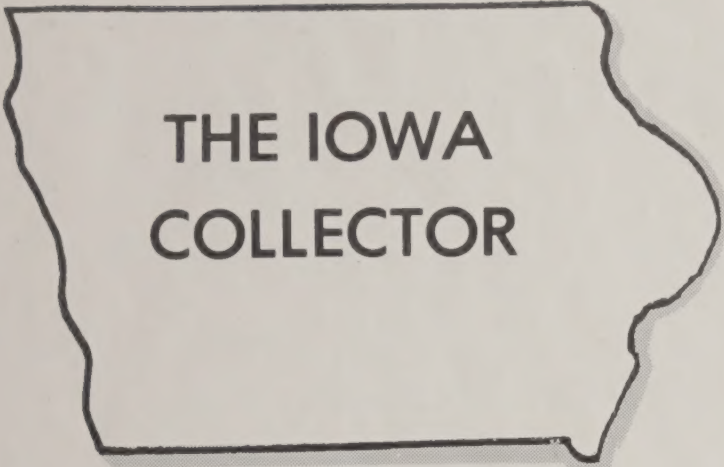


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# **THE IOWA COLLECTOR**

Marcy Armstrong, Editor

Box 118

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## **Future INA Conventions:**

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## *From The President's Desk:*

The year 1978 has come and gone and the year 1979 will see several changes in your INA. First of all, inflation has caught up with us and dues have been raised to \$3. There will be several changes in the bulletin. The type will be easier to read and the better paper throughout will up-date us. It will be a quarterly bulletin coming out in February, May, August, and November. There are several changes in the staff — a new editor, a new publisher, and new mailing source (which we hope gets you your bulletin faster). The new advertising manager has worked hard to get the ads in so our bulletin can be printed on time.

Again, many thanks to Marge Owen the past editor, and Bob Douglas, the past advertising manager, for the hours they spent on the bulletin.

I challenge you directors to try and attend at least 1 club meeting of every Coin Club in your district with promoting INA as your goal.

Looking over the year 1978, all silver and gold coins had a good appreciation in value. Some of the minor coins - such as the nickel - have started to move. Maybe this will be the year collectors of Minor Coinage will have their day.

Marge Owen has resigned as director from District 7 due to all her other responsibilities. I am looking for a replacement for that position. Any suggestions would be appreciated - either write me or see me Saturday morning at the Coin-A-Rama in Ames February 17. I hope to be able to appoint a new director at the board meeting at 1:30. District 7 is the Southwest section of the state.

Wishing each of you a good year in Numismatics.

Harry Peters  
INA President

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## *From The Secretary's Typewriter:*

The dues notices are out and dues are coming in - special thanks to those who have sent in their dues without a notice.

The new bulletin has kept many of us busy with the plans, etc. I hope you like the new "Iowa Collector". Marcy has worked hard to make it good, but she needs news of your club's doings and shows to put in. Be sure if you have a show to write a news story to tell all of us about it. Let her know who won on exhibits, and if something special was on the program or an unusual coin for sale on the floor. If the show chairman does it right away, within a week, its much easier to get done. Or they can appoint someone to write it and get it to Marcy. It helps the editor and publicizes your club.

A reminder - all club news and items go to the editor; all change of addresses and dues go to your secretary. When Marcy has to forward dues and change of addresses to me, it makes more work for her and slows the correction of your address or the new membership card to you.

We still have bronze medals - \$2 plus postage from me, or see your director for them.

I want to share with you a part of a letter from one of our members in California: "...enjoyed very much reading it (the Iowa Collector); very interesting,

your activities there in your area, sounds like you had a real good show in Davenport.

Read also about I.N.A.'s plans to upgrade the publication and make a quarterly out of it. As interesting as it is now, it sure will be a publication to be proud of.

Keep the good work up, I.N.A. is a good and well run organization."

Its letters like this one that makes being secretary worth all the long hours at the typewriter!

JoAnn Peters  
Sec'y-Treas.

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## BURLINGTON, IOWA COIN CLUB 40th ANNIVERSARY

The Burlington Coin Club will celebrate their 40th Anniversary June 9, 1979 with a Banquet at 6:30 P.M.

It will be held at the Arion restaurant, 210 N. Main Street, Burlington, Iowa. Reservation tickets are \$6.00.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Ted R. Hammer of Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Hammer is among those first Numismatists who had the foresight to establish state & local coin organizations for the better understanding of what it all means to collect Numismatic material and to preserve our knowledge of our monetary system.

Mr. Ted R. Hammer helped form the Iowa Numismatic Association. He was I.N.A.'s first President for 1938 & 1939.

April of 1939 Mr. Hammer was at the first meeting of Central States Numismatic Society in Chicago, where he was among a group of Numismatists that formed the Central States organization.

On January 16, 1939 Mr. Ted. R. Hammer with other Burlington citizens, formed the Burlington, Iowa Coin Club.

For many years Mr. Hammer has been a newspaper man, having been associated with the local newspaper and later the Wichita, "Beacon" of Wichita, Kansas. Prior to his retirement from the, "Beacon" he was City Editor.

He is a true Numismatist at heart and has written many articles about our great hobby. His articles have appeared in the Iowa Des Moines Register and other publications over the years. Currently he is the author of a Numismatic column in, "Coin World" called, "Romance of Money."

At the Banquet there will be competitive, open-class coin and paper money exhibit competition. Set up time is 2 P.M. until 5 P.M. Let the chairman know how many lineal feet you'll need by April 15th.

Reservations for Banquet tickets should be sent in by May 1, 1979.

Mail your request for Banquet tickets & exhibit space to the Burlington Coin Club. P.O. Box 51, Burlington, Iowa 52601. Care of the Banquet Chairman, Paul D. Lyons. Telephone 1-319-752-2162.



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### FOREST CITY

The 20th annual Forest City coin show will be held on the 17th and 18th of March at the Civic auditorium in Forest City. This show includes coins, guns, stamps, antiques, hobbies and crafts. Gene Morris, Forest City, is exhibit chairman, Harry Peters, Kanawha, is bourse chairman and general chairman are Merill Peterson and C. D. Fox, Forest City. There will be no admission charge.

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## ***Burlington Coin Club 40th; Anniversary Banquet***

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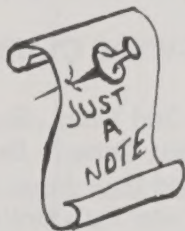
PLACE: ARION RESTAURANT, 210 N. MAIN ST., BURLINGTON, IOWA  
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Mr. Ted R. Hammer of Wichita, Kansas will be the guest speaker. Mr. Hammer, along with other Numismatists helped form the Iowa Numismatic Association & write it's first "By-Laws". He was I.N.A.'s first president for the year of 1938 & also 1939. A newspaper journalist all of his life. Mr. Hammer has been the author of numerous Numismatic articles.

Open-Class, competitive exhibit competition will be held. Trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places. Also I.N.A. "Best of Show" trophy. Set-up time, 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. To enter your exhibits, contact the banquet chairman by April 15, 1979. Mention what you'll be showing and how many lineal feet will be needed.

Banquet dinner reservations are to be sent in by May 1, 1979.

MAIL TO: Burlington Coin Club. P.O. Box 51, Burlington, Iowa; Care of:  
Banquet Chairman, Paul D. Lyons. Phone: 1-319-752-2162.

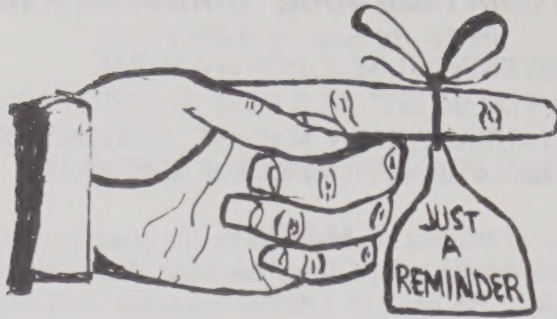


Does you CLUB HAVE A BULLETIN? If it does, will the person in charge of the mailing please see that one is mailed each time to: Editor, Iowa Collector, Box 118, Donnellson, Iowa 52625. She would like to excerpt some of your news for the state bulletin. Others like to know what you are doing.

HELP US KEEP club meeting list up to date. Let the editor know about any changed that should be made in the listing.

We hope you like the new look of the publication! To help make it even better and more complete we need your ideas, your contributions. Yes, even your short articles. Particularly about Iowa Numismatics.





## UPCOMING SHOWS

February 10-11 – Donnellson Hobby & Coin Show, Donnellson School.  
February 17-18 – Coin-A-Rama, Ames, Iowa, Gateway Center.  
March 3-4 – Marshalltown Coin Show.  
March 3-4 – Fort Madison Coin & Hobby Show, Holiday Inn.  
March 10-11 – Cedar Rapids Club Show, Sheraton Inn.  
March 17-18 – Forest City Coin Show, Civic Auditorium.  
March 24-25 – Des Moines Coin Club Show.  
March 24-25 – Waterloo-Cedar Falls Coin Show.  
March 24-25 – Burlington Coin & Hobby Show, Memorial Auditorium.  
April 22-23 – Mason City, The River City Annual Coin Show.

## STATE-WIDE CLUB MEETING NIGHTS

Algona-Kossuth County – 2nd Thurs., Security State Bank, State Street.  
Ames – Last Wed., University Drive-In Bank, 7:30.  
Burlington – Last Tues., 2nd floor Arion Restaurant, 7:30.  
Cedar Falls – Last Wed., Cedar Falls Utilities Bldg., 7:30.  
Cedar Rapids – 3rd Wed., Peoples Bank West.  
Central Iowa, Marshalltown – 3rd Wed., Fisher Community Room.  
Clarion – 3rd Fri. thru August, Iowa Public Service meeting room, 7:30.  
Davenport – 1st Wed., Northwest Bank & Trust, Locust St.  
Des Moines – 1st Tues., Mott Auditorium, YMCA, 101 Locust.  
Donnellson – 2nd Thurs., Farm Bureau basement, 7:30.  
Forest City – 2nd Tues., IOOF Hall.  
Fort Dodge – 1st Thurs., Fort Dodge, YWCA, 7:30.  
Fort Madison – 3rd Wed., Savings & Loan Drive-In, 4520 Ave. L.  
Grinnell – 2nd Mon., American Legion Hall.  
Lllova Coin Club, Clinton – 3rd Thurs., YWCA in Clinton.  
Independence – 3rd Sat., Courthouse basement.  
Iris City Mount Pleasant – 1st Thurs., Courtesy Rm., Henry Co. Savings.



Koekuk — 4th Thurs., Koekuk Sr. High Cafeteria, 2285 Middle Road.  
Marion — 1st Tues., Farmers State Bank.  
Mason City — 3rd Mon., basement of Masters Chiropractic Clinic, N. Federal.  
Newton — 3rd Thurs. basement of shopping center.  
Oskaloosa — 1st Mon., Oskaloosa Home Loan & Savings.  
Ottumwa — 4th Tues., Labor Hall on North Green St.  
Port City, Muscatine — 4th Tues., YMCA, 312 Iowa St.  
Red Oak — 1st Mon., Farmers Mercantile on old Highway 34, 7:30.  
Siouxland — 2nd Thurs., Elks Lodge, 722 Douglas, Sioux City.  
Storm Lake — 3rd Thurs., Chautauqua Park Shelter House, 7:30. Winter, 8:00S.  
Waterloo — 2nd Thurs., Waterloo Recreation Center.  
Webster City — 1st Wed., Municipal Bldg., 7:30.

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## NOTES FROM ALL OVER

The 16th Mid-Iowa Coin-A-Rama will be held in Ames, Iowa February 17 & 18 at the Gateway Center Motor Hotel. Hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday.

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The Cedar Rapids Coin Clubs annual show will be March 10 & 11 at the Sheraton Inn. Hours will be 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. An Awards Banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday.

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The Donnellson Coin Club Show will be held February 10 & 11 at the Donnellson School. Hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. There will be a coin auction at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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The Burlington "Spring" Coin & Hobby Show will be March 24 & 25 at the Burlington Memorial Auditorium. Hours are 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. There will be an auction at 7:00 p.m. Saturday. For information write: Burlington Coin Club, P.O. Box 51, Burlington, Iowa, Mr. Bill Nelson, Chairman. Phone 1-319-752-3737.

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The Webster City Coin Club held their December meeting and Christmas Party December 6 with 28 present. Routine business was conducted followed by election of officers for 1979 results as follows: President - Roger Woodall, Vice President - Lee Wells, Secretary - Melford Nicholson, Treasurer - Clarice Coghlon. Door prizes were awarded to: Janice Samuelson, Connie Christenson, Leta Nicholson, Marlen Coghlan, Lee Richards and refreshments were served. Motion was made and carried during business meeting to raise dues to \$3.00 per year and the club enroll all members in I.N.A. and pay the dues. Melford Nicholson, Sect.

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Greene, Iowa will be celebrating a Centneial in 1979. There will be silver and bronze coins imbedded in lucite for sale. On the 23rd of June there will be an auction for about ten numbered sets. They are also having bronze medals for sale after March 24. There will be more information on this in the next bulletin.

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The Fort Madison Coin Club Coin and Hobby Show will be held March 3 & 4 at the Holiday Inn. Hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. A coin auction is planned for Saturday evening.



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## ATTENTION COIN CLUBS

### (A Plea from a Coin Dealer)

We have a state coordinator available to help clubs avoid duplications of club shows – as a dealer, I make this plea that you work directly with him in planning your shows!! As you will note in the INA Bulletin there are 3 shows planned on March 24 & 25. Seems to me it doesn't make a good show if your buyers and dealers are not able to be there. From a dealers viewpoint, this shorts us on shows. Collectors, too, complain of this duplication!! Our coordinator is Don Mark, Box 1, Adel, Iowa 50003. Please contact him to see if your date is free and give your buyers, state officers and dealers an opportunity to attend your club show. Come on Clubs – Communicate – we need to work together!!

Marilyn Douglas  
M B M Coins

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#### Editors Note:

I welcome any comments, club news or information you would like to share with the I.N.A. members. The next bulletin should be out around the first week of May, so please send in announcements early.

Thanks,  
Marcy Armstrong  
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## COIN SHOW

February 17  
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# Having just celebrated our 40th Anniversary, you will be interested in this history of the I. N. A.

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## IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

At a meeting arranged by two district secretaries of the American Numismatic Association, Ted R. Hammer, Burlington and Earl Cole, Des Moines, the Iowa Numismatic Association was organized June 19, 1938 at Iowa City.

Presidents of five local coin clubs, Ames Numismatic Society, Des Moines Coin Club, Quad City Coin Club, Cornbelt Coin Club and Muscatine Coin Club, were present. Sixty-one collectors and 20 visitors were registered by Harriette Hammer and Betty Laurent. A specially struck brass medal was issued to all attending.

Milton Radke, Des Moines (a present I.N.A. director) made the motion for forming a state organization of individual collectors. V. Leon Belt, then of Waterloo, was appointed chairman of a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws to be filed in one of the counties of the state.

J. Henri Ripstra, Chicago, president of the A.N.A., and M. Vernon Sheldon, Chicago Coin Club president and a candidate for secretary of the A.N.A., gave encouraging talks to the group. Mr. Ripstra stated: "There are more new collectors in Iowa than in any other state."

Forty-nine applications for membership were made; 57 charter member application cards are in the files. Twenty of these charter members still belong to I.N.A. An additional 14 of our present members joined the second year. Membership cards No. two through nine went to the officers, number one being reserved for the club "godfather", J. Henri Ripstra.

First officers were: President, Ted Hammer, Burlington; 1st Vice President, R. L. McClam, Des Moines; 2nd Vice President, V. Leon Belt, Waterloo; Secretary-Treasurer, Earl Cole, Des Moines. Directors: Ernest Moore, Muscatine; Elmer Laurent, Clinton; L.A. Page, Mason City; Walter Bohler, Ames; Lloyd Rogers, Waterloo.

First issues of the official publication, "I.N.A.", bear datelines of July 20 and August 5, 1938. Ted Hammer was editor.

By October, when the group met in Des Moines, membership had reached 81. Secretary-Treasurer Cole resigned because of illness. William Baker, Davenport, was appointed in his place.

Baker, chairman of a committee to report on a seal to be used on medals, stationery, membership cards etc., suggested an ear of corn (Iowa's most noted product) can be incorporated in the design. Miss Marjorie Ankeny, Davenport, was co-designer and artist for the final approved pattern. Dr. J.R. Schneider, Rock Island and Lauren Benson, Davenport were the other committee members.

Mr. Ripstra and Vernon Sheldon broadcast over Radio Station KRNT. Association members voted to endorse action for an Iowa commemorative coin in 1946.

Burlington entertained the Spring 1939 meeting and had a Secret Service operative as one of the speakers.



The fall meeting was in Waterloo. Motions at this convention included: "That a certificate of award be made to exhibitors having the best displays as approved by the display committee" and "that an annual token be struck to commemorate the yearly conventions", later amended to read "providing the cost of dies be not prohibitive and based on the ability of the Association to pay for costs."

Over 300 collectors from 11 states attended the April 1940 meeting at Burlington with I.N.A. and Central States Numismatic Society, co-sponsors. This was the largest aggregation of numismatists ever in convention west of the Mississippi.

A surprise feature was Mr. Ripstra's personal gift of sterling silver I.N.A. lapel buttons to all officers, past and retiring. He had cut the dies and had buttons made; also had samples of bronze buttons, available at cost, to members.

C. David Pierce, Ottumwa, offered his folding coin frames as a gift to I.N.A.

A resolution was presented for passing at the next meeting: "that annual dues be raised from 50 cents to \$1." This motion failed at Ames.

A committee recommended that commission charge for all auction lots sold be 10%.

An honorary membership was given Carl F. Hodeck, Muscatine, at the Ames meeting in October 1940.

A gold medal was presented to Mr. Ripstra at the May 1941 meeting in Davenport, a token of the Association's esteem. First bronze convention medals were presented.

Betty Laurent was named Curator and Librarian.

Membership had reached 217 by October 1941 when Cedar Rapids Coin Club entertained the I.N.A. A new form of application blank was submitted, approved and adopted.

A motion was passed "that the service of this Association in appraising the value of any numismatic material in the estate of a deceased member be tendered to the family of the deceased without charge or fee", officers and the board of directors to serve as a committee.

Mr. Belt, as president, announced that a "thankless but very important task" had been undertaken by "an outstanding authority within our own body", Mr. Burton Saxton, Cedar Rapids, that of the complete overhauling of our constitution and by-laws. These were read and explained; passed at the subsequent meeting in Des Moines (May 1942).

A gold lapel button was presented to Ted Hammer.

The brass token issued for the Iowa City meeting, which had sold that fall at Des Moines for 10 cents, brought \$1.50 at the Cedar Rapids auction. The Davenport convention medal (125 struck) and the Cedar Rapids convention medal (100 struck) brought \$1.00.

Muscatine entertained the October '42 convention. Because of government priorities, no convention medals could be prepared. One hundred on hand, had the obverse, only, struck and when conditions permitted, 50 of these were to be completed for the Muscatine session.

Approximate membership estimate by May '43 was 185 with 16 new applications for the year, six bulletins issued. The Cedar Valley Stamp Club cooperated with the Waterloo Coin Club in exhibits and entertainment of I.N.A. President Radke, Mr. Ripstra and Burton Saxton were heard on a radio broadcast over Station KXEL.

Gas rationing affected the attendance at Fairfield in October but the 45 registered guests voiced high praise for the hospitality shown by the Fairfield Club.

Cedar Rapids entertained the May '44 convention. Martin Kortjohn, A.N.A. President, was a guest and Hans M.F. Schulman, New York, the principal speaker.

Seventy registered at the October meeting in Davenport. Two frames of paper money used in the "Know Your Money" campaign of the U.S. Secret Service department, was on loan to the I.N.A. for exhibit.

On May 6, 1945, I.N.A. Officers and Board of Directors met at Iowa City to discuss the advisability of one meeting per year and voted to recommend same to the membership. Hellene Bohler, Des Moines, was appointed Editor of the Bulletin. They voted to award Des Moines the first Spring meeting following removal of wartime restrictions, and ordered striking from the membership rolls, all those three years behind in payment of dues.

There was no fall meeting in 1945.

Des Moines announced a Friday night "preconvention get-together" in May '46. Registration reached 88, 66 were served at the Saturday banquet. Special entertainment was offered the women. Membership had reached 205; Secretary Wright recommended advance in dues to \$1. There was proposal of an amendment to the by-laws to permit Jr. memberships (no office or voting privileges) for those having reached the age of 12.

In August 1946 most members of I.N.A. attended the A.N.A. convention being held in Davenport and many served on convention committees.

A two day meeting was held in Omaha, Nebraska in May of '47. The Omaha Coin Club registered 41; conducted trips to the Omaha City Library where the Byron Reed collection, including an 1804 dollar, is permanently exhibited. Vernon Sheldon, Chicago, gave an illustrated presentation of "Continental Rarities, Seldom Seen", using plastic slides.

At Cedar Rapids in May '48, a proposal was made to change the annual meeting to fall. A resolution was offered "that I.N.A. sponsor Jr. coin activities and exhibits and offer prizes for those shown". Another resolution was "that I.N.A. favor the minting and immediate circulating by the United States Government, of coins of 2½ cent, 7½ cent and 12½ cent denominations as additions to our present coinage." They asked that the A.N.A. pass similar resolution and assist in an effort to obtain Congressional and Presidential approval of same. Vernon L. Brown, Curator of the Chase National Bank collection in New York, gave an address on "Moneys of the World."

At the fall meeting in Ottumwa discussion was held on procedure for writing of a History of Iowa Numismatics and Lewis K. Ferguson, Algona, was named chairman of a committee to further this work. Marcella Sheldon, Chicago resigned as Secretary-Treasurer; D.N. Green was appointed.

President Lester Wright resigned in 1949 upon his moving from the State. The club became inactive. In July 1950, twelve members including officers, met at Iowa City to discuss the future of I.N.A. and ways to revive it. Robert Stahl, Cedar Rapids, extended an invitation from the Cedar Rapids Stamp & Coin clubs for I.N.A. to hold a meeting September 23 and 24, at the Montrose Hotel, in conjunction with a regional meeting of the American Philatelic Society. An ad was run in "The Numismatist"; the Secretary sent out a letter to I.N.A. members.



At Cedar Rapids, new officers were elected; members voted to retain the former constitution and by-laws; to cancel all 1949 dues; scheduled two meetings for 1951; planned a Bulletin each three months. They hoped to reestablish coin clubs in Burlington, Waterloo, Davenport, Ottumwa, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Fairfield, Clinton and Dubuque; to start groups in Sioux City and Council Bluffs.

Eleven states were represented among the 99 registered at the Burlington convention in May '51. Ted Hammer, Wichita, Kansas, was back to his hometown as main banquet speaker. Chase National Bank, N.Y. loaned ten cases of numismatics for exhibit; wooden coins were on sale; members asked for four Bulletins yearly, edited by the Secretary.

Early arrivals for the Fall meeting in Des Moines attended a regular meeting of the Des Moines Coin Club, Friday evening. Five A.N.A. officers were among the 49 attending the banquet. 1st Vice President Ferguson, Algona, was serving with the armed forces in Germany. Clifford Stensbol, Waterloo, moved that gold lapel pins be given Past Presidents at the Spring meeting and a medal, to those deserving. It was agreed that I.N.A. should sponsor a local coin club in Iowa in 1952; Mrs. Louis DeLong, New London, was named Librarian; David Pierce was to continue chairman of the "estate" appraisal committee.

Director M.A. Radke, Des Moines, presided at the Sunday business meeting in May 1952, at Waterloo, in the emergency arising out of the death at the convention, of President Elmer Laurent. Charles Altman, Des Moines, became Acting President until the fall election. Mrs. M.E. Waters, Waterloo, was named to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Secretary-Treasurer Hellene Bohler, who had moved out of the State. There was a spirited discussion on the number of conventions to be held each year. "Missionary" work was suggested in towns of 20,000 or over, not having a local coin club.

Sixty-five registered for the fall meeting in Davenport in '52. Discussion of I.N.A. "missionary" work was followed by the appointment of C. David Pierce, Ottumwa, as chairman to plan such an event at Iowa City for Spring 1953. This was later canceled because of an accident incurred by Mr. Pierce at that time. The value of inter-club meetings when possible was stressed by Burton Saxton. Banquet speaker was A.N.A. General Secretary, Lewis M. Reagan, Wichita, Kansas.

Presidents having served the Association are: Ted Hammer, Burlington, two terms; M.A. Radke, Des Moines, two terms; Loyd Gettys, Davenport, two terms; C. David Pierce, Ottumwa, two terms; Lester Wright, Davenport; Elmer Laurent, Clinton and Charles Altman, Des Moines.

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Compiled and presented to club at Cedar Rpiads convention, October 1952 by Elizabeth Laurent, Sec-Treas.

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## WAS "PASS ONE FOOTMAN" FIRST IOWA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN?

A quick review of Atwood's volume on transportation tokens indicates that the first use of the bits of metal in Iowa was at Cedar Rapids in 1866 when a bronze token was issued with the message, "Pass One Footman". A similar token was also issued in 1867 for the crossing of the Cedar River bridge.

Dates are not given for the use of transportation tokens in many of the less than fifty towns and cities listed in the Iowa section of Atwood. But, using the dates given, we come up with the following list of the early users. Anyone with additional information is invited to advise this publication.

Clinton had tokens for its horse railway in the early years, 1867 to 1890.

Burlington began January 1874.

Sioux City began in 1884.

Waterloo began in 1885.

Fort Madison started the Street Railway Company in 1888, and converted from horsecars to electric in 1895.

Spirit Lake began service in 1889.

Muscatine began service in 1890. A year later the bridge there was opened and used cardboard tickets from 1891 until 1922. Tokens were then used for ten years before reverting back to tickets.

Dubuque. The Street Railway began in 1891 with electric street cars.

Toledo began in 1893.

Mason City to Clear Lake line began in 1897.

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## SILVER AT FEBRUARY HIGH

With silver at new historical highs early in February of this year it may be interesting to note what a price of \$7.00 does to the metallic value of common United States coins:

Silver War Nickel, 39 cents

Dime, .900 fine, 50 cents

Quarter, .900 fine, \$1.26

Half, .900 fine, \$2.52

Clad Half (1965-1970) \$1.03

Silver Dollar, .900 fine, \$5.42

During the week ending February 9, gold was around \$246, silver \$7.33, and even copper was strong at 87 cents.

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A coin has been described as a round, hard, elusive object

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# Filler

That is what you get when the printer tells you the editorial material he has in hand is not enough to fill the 16 pages planned for this issue. As a matter of fact, after the material already on hand was arranged in page form, the printer still had two empty pages.

This is a plea to INA members with fruitful typewriters to supply Editor Marcy with lots of items, short and long, so she will have some choice for future issues.

The next issues are planned for May, August and November. Copy for those issues will have to be on hand at least by the month preceding date of issue.



## Iowa Numismatic Association



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### HOW DOES YOUR CLUB ELECT OFFICERS?

Most coin clubs nominate and elect officers at the annual meeting. But, that is not the way they do it at Clarion in north central Iowa.

There a ballot (letter sized sheet of paper listing the 80-plus paid members) goes out to members as part of the December bulletin. Members are invited to vote for nine directors and either bring the ballot to the next meeting or mail to the Club address. The old board meets early in January to count the ballots. The new board is called in and elects officers. Although the ballot does not indicate who any of the old directors are, many of them are usually re-elected, together with some new faces.

Clarion has been a member of the Iowa Numismatic Association for 16 years, and holds membership Number 791.

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